

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1656 - SB 1821

March 17, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any health insurance policy or plan or health maintenance organization operating in Tennessee to provide coverage for voluntary breast removal for women at high risk for developing breast cancer. Defines *high risk* as women, who have had cancer, have had DNA testing indicating positive risk factors for breast cancer, or a family member had breast cancer.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$250,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000*

Other Fiscal Impact:

Increase Federal Expenditures - Exceeds \$350,000

Increase Expenditures/Health Industry - Exceeds \$1,000,000**

Estimate assumes:

- Increased expenditures to cover the procedure in the state and local government employee health insurance plans. The potential number of such procedures is not known and the amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000 to state and local government health insurance plans.
- TennCare does not cover some procedures mandated by the bill. The number of such procedures is not known and the amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$500,000 in state and federal expenditures in the TennCare program.
- An increase in the number of procedures paid for by private health insurance plans that do not currently cover the procedure. The amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$1,000,000.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**The impact on the health industry is included as required by Chapter 244 of the Public Acts of 1989.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director